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1. DURING ONE-AND-A HALF-DAY VISIT ATHENS, LOUIS WOZAR, PRESIDENT OF SISTERNNCLIES INTERNATIONAL HAD OPPORTUNITY REVIEW SCI PROGRAM WITH APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS, AT LUNCHEON ON SEPT 28 HOSTED BY CAO, HE DISCUSSED PRESENT SCI ACTIVITIES WITH AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOS PETROU (DIRECTOR, CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AND MR DIMITRIOS ANAGNOSTOPOULOS, SPECIAL ADVISOR AT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS LIAISON FOR SISTER CITY PROJECTS. ON FOLLOWING MORNING AT AMBASSADOR PETROU'S OFFICE, WOZAR WENT INTO MORE DETAILS ON WAYS IN WHICH GREEK MUNICIPALITIES COULD INITIATE REQUESTS TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH INTERESTED COUNTERPART CITIES IN THE US

2. IN FINAL MEETING WITH PAO AND CAO AT USIS HDATRS, WOZAR WAS INFORMED BY ANAGNOSTOPOULOS THAT LATTER HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE GOG, GEORGE RALLIS, TO BEGIN PROCEDURES FOR AFFILIATION OF THASSOS AND KOS WITH AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, INASMUCH AS HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN LONG STANDING REQUESTS FROM THESE TWO ISLANDS FOR THIS LINKAGE. GREEK PROPOSAL TO BE INITIATED SOONEST AND SENT DIRECT TO SCI HDATRS IN NEW YORK

3. USIS ATHENS HAS AGREED TO EXTEND FULL COOPERATION AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO GOG AND WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY INFORMED
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